

Mr. Garrison.

June 16<sup>th</sup>/59.

Dear Sir,

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I am not acquainted with you - I had the pleasure of listening to you in Portland last fall; - I am about now to ask you a favor. - Please listen to the reason - I have no father, or brothers, since father's death; I have been teaching common schools, the low remuneration, received from them; has induced me to wish to ~~defray~~ pursue a course of study, in our higher institutions, which would demand a better salary, and open a wider sphere of usefulness. - on Mother's account, particularly as well as my own do - I desire to do this, but I have not the means, mother owns a little home - this I wish to sustain for her and I know of no other way to do it - If you could only lend me the means to attend a year, at one of our higher institutions I feel quite confident that I could pay

you - if you could let the time  
for payment extend three years, with  
interest. You may think strange of  
this request, but I feel this confidence  
in myself which assures me that I  
shall not disappoint you - I feel as if  
by a little aid, in this particular, I  
might do much good in the world,  
in trying to promote the cause of freedom,  
and in making others happy - is not that  
for what we should live for? and then  
how cheering the thought, that I can  
aid mother, in her declining years, and  
assist her to preserve her home - home  
so dear - ~~its strength and power over~~  
~~the mind I will take the liberty to~~  
~~send you, in the form of an~~ oration, spoken  
when at N.Y. College - Excuse me  
for trespassing on your time, - may  
heaven smile upon, and bless you ever.

Very Truly Yours,

Lawrence Mack



N.B. If the enclosed article for the Liberator,  
should appear, please send one or two papers, —  
in which it is published — perhaps I may get  
some subscribers — L.A.M.

Dear Sir,

Permit me to address a few lines  
to you by way of explanation; my daughter  
wishes to finish her education that by so  
doing she can extend her sphere of usefulness  
and assist her widowed Mother in her declining  
years and retain the home of her childhood  
rendered dear to her by kindred associations.  
Woman as our laws now are is but little above  
the slave, taxation without representation  
low wages, and many more wrongs taken  
in the aggregate would swell the catalogue  
near akin to slavery. we live unaided and  
alone my companion and only Son was  
called to the spirit land years since and

<sup>few</sup>  
the relatives I have remaining are far away.

I know not what your pecuniary circumstances  
are but knowing by reputation that  
your principle is truly philanthropic  
has induced us to ask aid and if you think  
your ~~and~~ circumstances will permit, if not perhaps  
some friend of yours who has the means will  
by presenting the case before them.

In conclusion I would say I will do all I can  
to aid in canceling the debt, together with  
my sincere thanks - Yours Respectfully

J. Mack